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ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Circular Letter No. 99-1333

RE: ITEM-1359 - Elimination or Enhancement of Selected Basic Manual Classifications & Basic Manual Classification Advisory Notes

The Minnesota Department of Commerce has approved the above filing effective 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2000, applicable to new and renewal business only.

The purpose of the above numbered filing is to eliminate or enhance selected Basic Manual classifications and classification advisory notes to reflect the current business needs relative to these items. Periodically National Council reviews individual classification codes and classification groups by industry to determine if certain classifications should be considered for elimination, phraseology modernization, or phraseology clarification. Based on one of these reviews, NCCI proposed eliminating three classifications that have had a minimal number of employers assigned to them in recent years and transferring their exposure to classifications with similar processes. At the same time, NCCI proposed amending six classification phraseologies to update antiquated or obsolete references in their language. Finally, NCCI proposed deleting one classification advisory note to eliminate its obsolete language and amending another to eliminate obsolete language within that advisory note.

The attached exhibit illustrates the changes necessary to the Basic Manual to implement the elimination or enhancement of the selected classifications or classification advisory notes as described above. There should be no significant impact on current premium levels as a result of this filing.

Please note that the proposed language on the attached exhibit pages contains underlined and strikethrough text. The underlining represents new or added text while the strikethroughs indicate deleted text. In addition, the National Council's original filing memorandum is attached for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

M. A. Johnson
Director of Underwriting Services

NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

The Minnesota Department of Commerce requests that MWCIA remind its members that the above filing only applies automatically to insurance companies who have filed a Limited Power of Attorney agreement with our Commerce Department. A properly executed Limited Power of Attorney authorizes MWCIA to make filings on behalf of individual insurance companies. Any insurance company who has not filed a Limited Power of Attorney must independently submit the changes represented in each filing item to the Minnesota Department of Commerce for their approval.

EXHIBIT I
BASIC MANUAL
PART TWO
CLASSIFICATIONS

PRESENT PHRASEOLOGY:	PROPOSED PHRASEOLOGY:
Carburetor Mfg.....3581	Fuel Injection Device Mfg.....3581
	<u>Includes the manufacture of devices used in vehicles or other equipment to monitor, meter or distribute fuel such as, but not limited to, carburetors, fuel pumps, super chargers, turbo chargers and throttle bodies.</u>
MN EXCEPTION:	AMEND MN EXCEPTION:
Carburetor Mfg.....3632	Fuel Injection Device Mfg.....3632
	<u>Includes the manufacture of devices used in vehicles or other equipment to monitor, meter or distribute fuel such as, but not limited to, carburetors, fuel pumps, super chargers, turbo chargers and throttle bodies.</u>
Coke Mfg. & Drivers.....1470	ELIMINATE CODE & PHRASEOLOGY
Applies to beehive or by-product oven methods.	NONE
	[note: Code 1472 – Distillation-Wood & Drivers will absorb the exposure formerly classified under Code 1470.]
MN EXCEPTION:	DELETE MN EXCEPTION:
Coke Mfg. & Drivers.....1472	NONE
Applies to beehive or by-product oven methods.	NONE
Drug, Medicine Or Pharmaceutical Preparation-No Mfg. Of Ingredients.....4611	<u>Drug, Medicine Or Pharmaceutical Preparation, Compounding or Blending-No Mfg. Of Ingredients.....4611</u>
Applies to compounding, blending or packing operations only. Codes 4611 and 4825—Drug, medicine or pharmaceutical Preparation Mfg. of Ingredients shall not be assigned to the same risk unless the operations described by these classifications are conducted as separate and distinct businesses. Metal container mfg. to be separately rated as 3220—Can Mfg.	<u>Codes 4611 and 4825—Drug, medicine or pharmaceutical Preparation Mfg. of Ingredients shall not be assigned to the same risk unless the operations described by these classifications are conducted as separate and distinct businesses. Metal container mfg. to be separately rated as 3220—Can Mfg.</u>

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Drug, Medicine Or Pharmaceutical Preparation Mfg. & Incidental Mfg. Of Ingredients.....4825	Drug, Medicine Or Pharmaceutical Preparation Mfg. & <u>Includes</u> Mfg. Of Ingredients.....4825
Codes 4825 and 4611—Drug, Medicine or Pharmaceutical Preparation—No Mfg. of Ingredients shall not be assigned to the same risk unless the operations described by these classifications are conducted as separate and distinct business. Mfg. of metal containers to be separately rated as 3220—Can Mfg.	SAME
Field Bonded Warehousing - All Employees & Clerical.....8710	ELIMINATE CODE & PHRASEOLOGY
No handling, moving or shipping of goods or merchandise at the field location. Includes clerical employees at such location.	NONE
	[note: Codes 8291 – Storage Warehouse-Cold; 8292 – Storage Warehouse NOC; and 8293 – Storage Warehouse-Furniture will absorb the exposures formerly classified under Code 8710.]
Fountain Pen Mfg.....4432	<u>Pen Mfg.....4432</u> Includes the manufacture of all types of handwriting implements that use ink or similar fluids.
Metal Goods Mfg. NOC.....3400	Metal <u>Stamped</u> Goods Mfg. NOC.....3400

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Metal Stamping Mfg.....3400 Applicable to mass production manufacturing of stamped articles including, but not limited to, license plates, tags, toys, pie plates, buckets and waste baskets.	Metal Stamping Mfg. <u>NOC</u>.....3400 SAME
Oystermen.....2114 Applies to shore or dock work only. Includes sorting, shucking, washing or packing. Codes 2114 and 2111 – Cannery shall not be assigned to the same risk unless the operations described by these classifications are conducted as separate and distinct businesses.	<u>Oyster Processing.....2114</u> SAME
MN EXCEPTION:	<u>AMEND MN EXCEPTION:</u>
Oystermen2111 Applies to shore or dock work only. Includes sorting, shucking, washing or packing.	<u>Oyster Processing.....2111</u> SAME
Pen Mfg. – Fountain or Ballpoint.....4432 NONE	<u>Pen Mfg.....4432</u> <u>Includes the manufacture of all types of handwriting implements that use ink or similar fluids.</u>
Stevedoring:	Stevedoring:
Explosive Materials-Under Contract.....7323F Includes the handling of ammunition. Code 0763F shall be assigned in conjunction with this code to reflect the nonratable catastrophe loading. Premium generated by Code 0763F is not subject to experience rating or retrospective rating.	ELIMINATE CODE & PHRASEOLOGY NONE [note: Codes 7309F – Stevedoring NOC; 7317F – Stevedoring-By Hand or Hand Trucks Exclusively; and 7327F – Stevedoring-Containerized Freight & Drivers will absorb the exposures formerly classified under Code 7323F.]

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<p>Stevedoring: Freight Handling-Packing, Handling or Shipping Explosives or Ammunition-Under Contract.....7350F Coverage under U.S. Act</p> <p>These classifications include freight checkers. Stevedoring of explosives or ammunition to be separately rated as Code 7323F Stevedoring Explosive Materials; drivers to be separately rated as Codes 7228 and 7229 – Trucking – hauling explosives.</p>	<p>Stevedoring: Freight Handling-Packing, Handling or Shipping Explosives or Ammunition-Under Contract.....7350F Coverage under U.S. Act</p> <p>These classifications include freight checkers. Stevedoring of explosives or ammunition to be separately rated <u>to the appropriate stevedoring classification</u>; drivers to be separately rated as Codes 7228 and 7229 – Trucking – hauling explosives.</p> <p>[note: Code 7350F is updated as indicated to reflect the elimination of Code 7323F.]</p>
<p>Stevedoring: Freight Handling-Packing, Handling or Shipping Explosives or Ammunition-Under Contract.....7360 Coverage under State Act only</p> <p>These classifications include freight checkers. Stevedoring of explosives or ammunition to be separately rated as Code 7323F Stevedoring Explosive Materials; drivers to be separately rated as Codes 7228 and 7229 – Trucking – hauling explosives.</p>	<p>Stevedoring: Freight Handling-Packing, Handling or Shipping Explosives or Ammunition-Under Contract.....7360 Coverage under State Act only</p> <p>These classifications include freight checkers. Stevedoring of explosives or ammunition to be separately rated <u>to the appropriate stevedoring classification</u>; drivers to be separately rated as Codes 7228 and 7229 – Trucking – hauling explosives.</p> <p>[note: Code 7360 is updated as indicated to reflect the elimination of Code 7323F.]</p>
CLASSIFICATION ADVISORY NOTES	
<p>Aircraft or Helicopter Operation: Flight testing by mfr. – prototype or experimental aircraft – flying crew. Refer to the rating organization having jurisdiction for the applicable classification.</p>	<p>Aircraft or Helicopter Operation: Flight testing by mfr. – prototype or experimental aircraft – flying crew. <u>Assign exposure to the one aircraft classification that best describes the nature of the aircraft being tested.</u></p>
<p>Federal war housing dismantling or wrecking. See wrecking.</p>	<p>DELETE ADVISORY NOTE</p>